#### MI Demographics: Implications for Energy Transition

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#### Agenda

- Population: Characteristics, Distribution & Change
- Economics & Socioeconomic Dimensions
- Housing: Development & Characteristics
- Residential Energy Demand & Sources



### Population Key Points

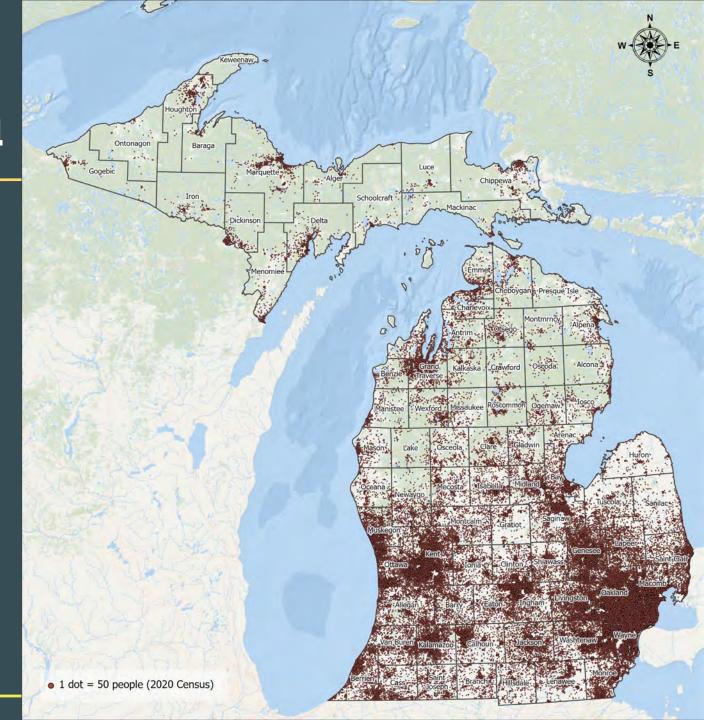
- Slow population growth- hit 10 million
  - West side, SE suburbs, Ann Arbor growing
  - East side decline
  - Natural decline
  - Limited +net migration (volatile)
- Increasing diversity- especially Latinx. 28% BIPOC
- Aging- especially NH white



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## Population Distribution

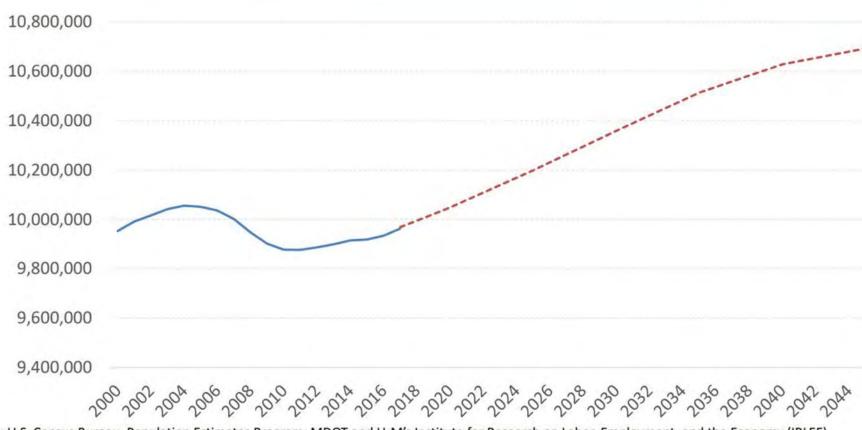
Census 2020 Blocks 1 dot- 50 pop MI= 10,077,331





## Population Change

#### **Michigan Projected Population**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program; MDOT and U-M's Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy (IRLEE)

# Population Change

2010-2020

MI = +193K (2%)

#### **Growth:**

Grand Rapids; Traverse City

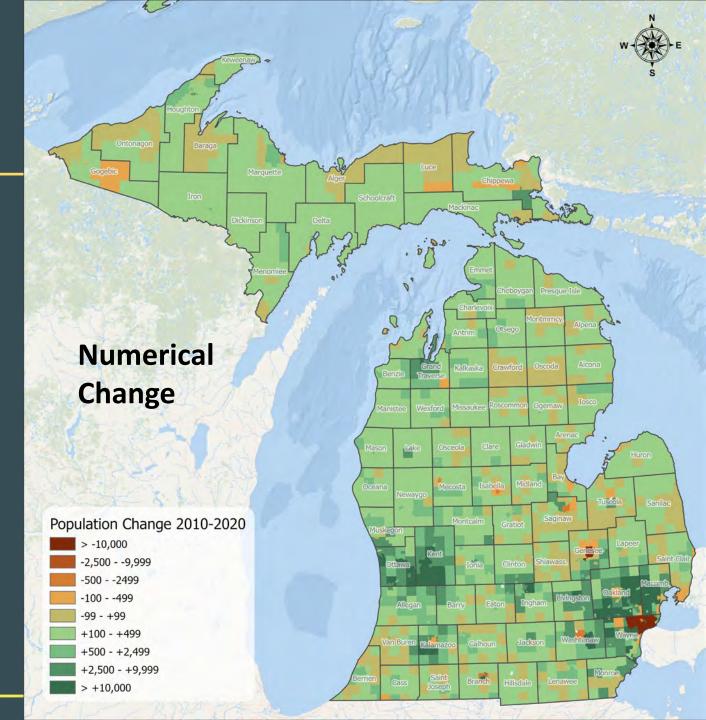
Counties: Ottawa, Grand Traverse, Kent, Allegan, Washtenaw

#### **Decline: (undercount?)**

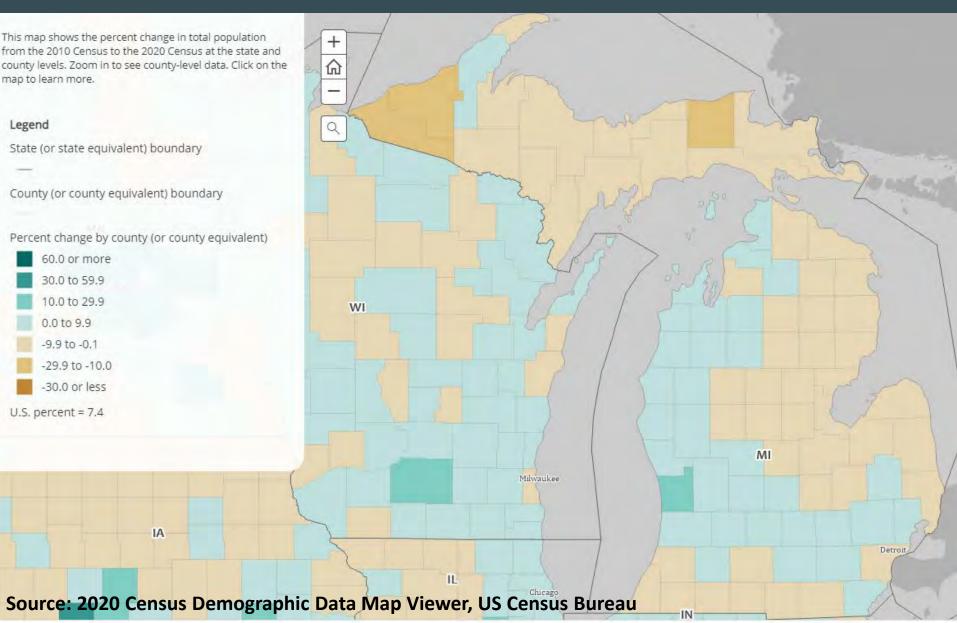
Flint -20%; Detroit -6% Lansing Kalamazoo Saginaw

Greatest % loss in UP, only Houghton Co. grew





## % Population Change: 2010-2020



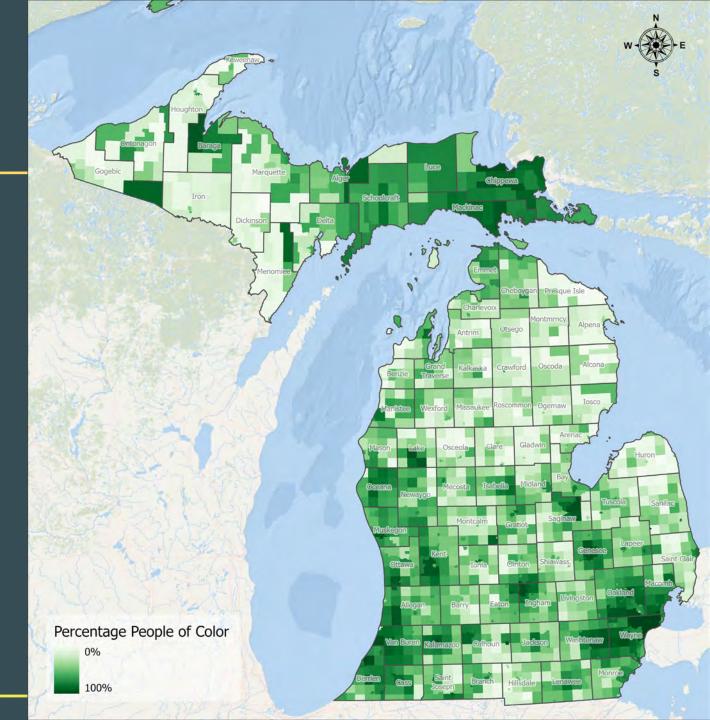
## People of Color

Census 2020 28% BIPOC 14% Black 6% Hispanic 6% Asian 1% AIAN

Growing Hisp/Asian/ Multirace

Declining black (-2%) and white (-4%)





### Age Structure

Aging especially NH whites

25% 60+ 7% 75+



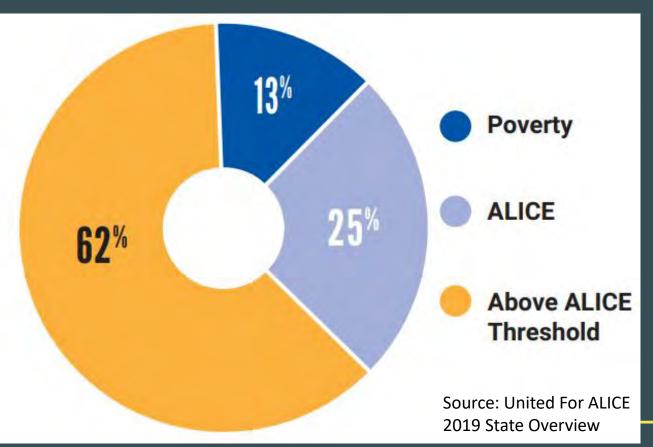


## Economics Key Points

- Inequality is core issue
- Large and growing population in poverty
  - Rising costs and stagnant wages among lower income
  - Energy is one of those costs
  - Housing affordability
- Unemployment is falling but relatively high. Local Variations. Some quit looking.

### **ALICE** Poverty Threshold

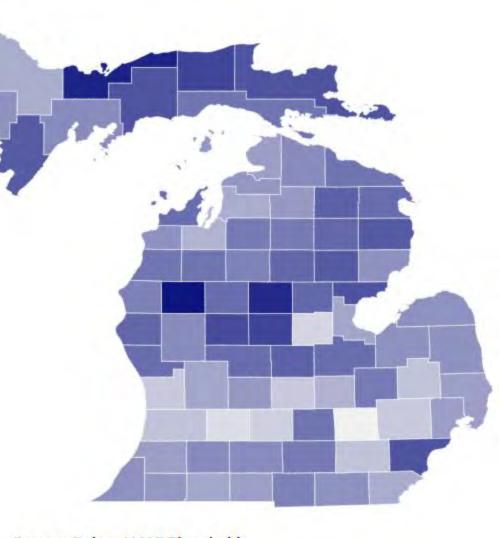
- ALICE= Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed
- 38% of households in 2019 below ALICE



- Increasing #s.
   Stable %.
- Cost of living increasing for ALICE
- Instability & stagnant wages in ALICE jobs

 ~ 50% or across UP, central MI pocket, & Wayne Co.

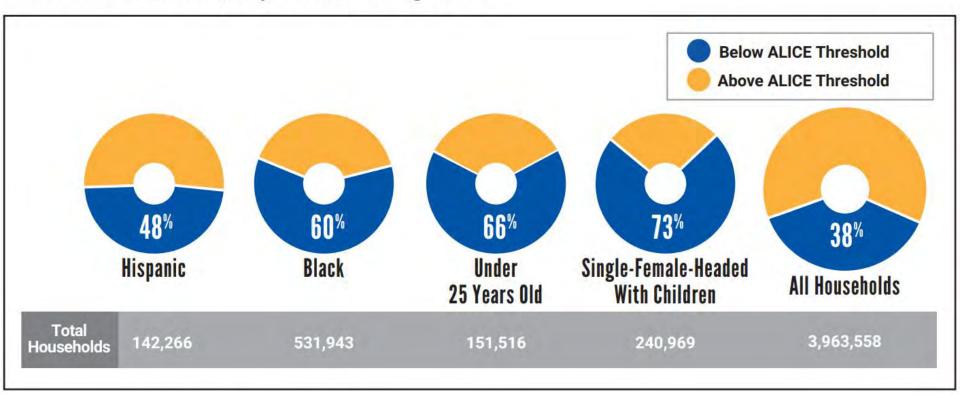
- Suburbs doing better
- Within Co. variation:
  - Detroit= 69% below
  - Highland Park= 80% below



Percent Below ALICE Threshold

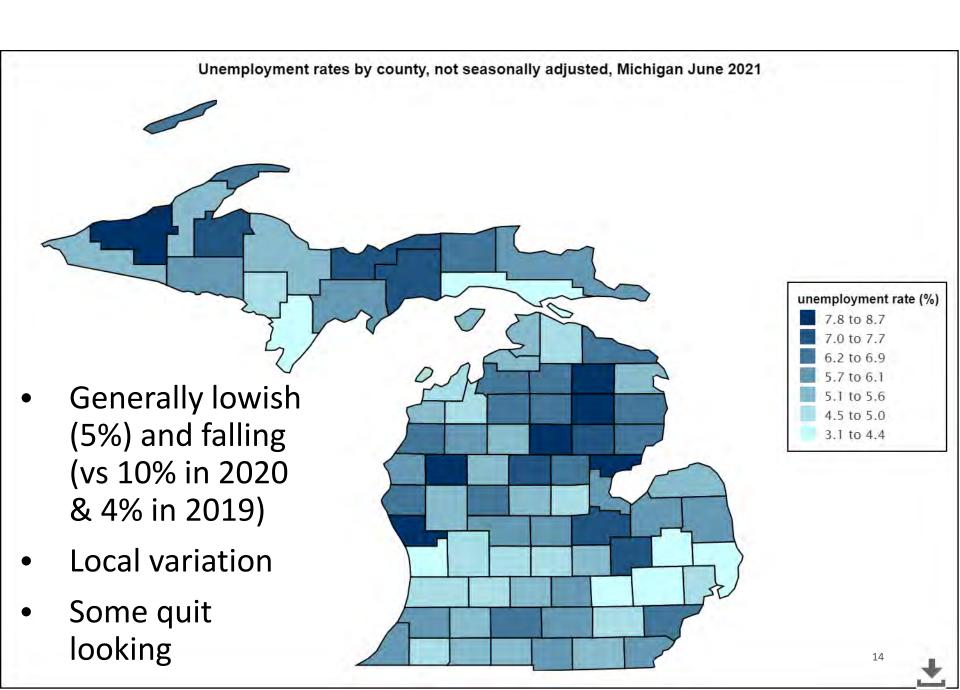
24%

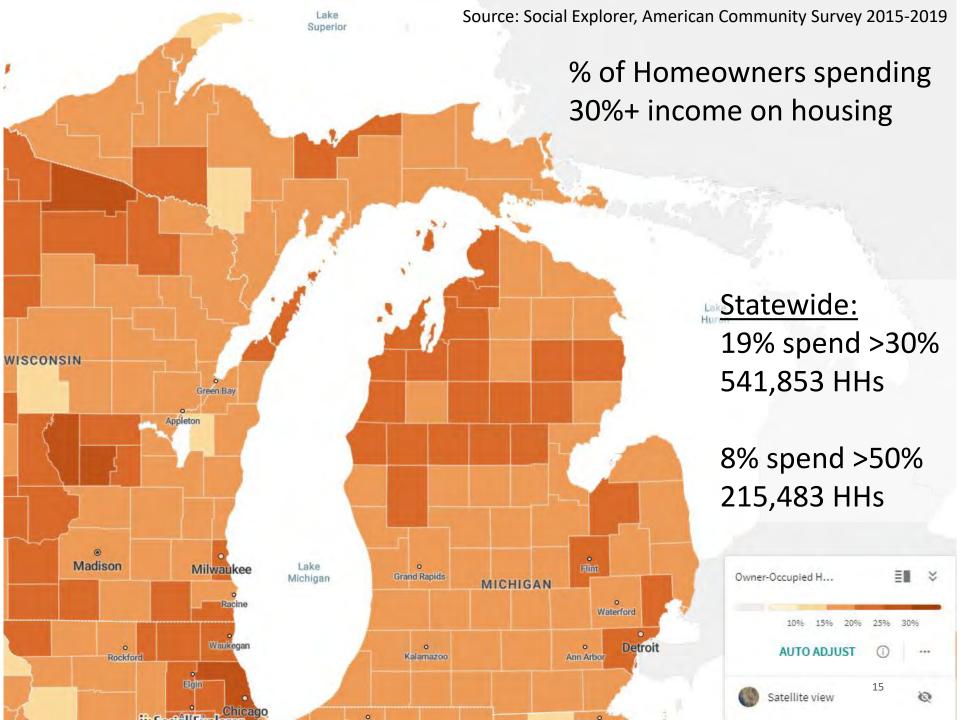
#### Select Household Groups by Income, Michigan, 2019



Sources: ALICE Threshold, 2019; American Community Survey, 2019

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- Stagnant wages in ALICE jobs





### Housing Key Points

- Characteristics of housing matter for efficiency and energy use
  - Size & materials
  - Year Built
  - Single vs Multifamily vs Mobile:
    - SF/mobile 2x apartment
- Housing tenure
  - Consumption ~ 2x for owners vs renters
  - who you work with for what

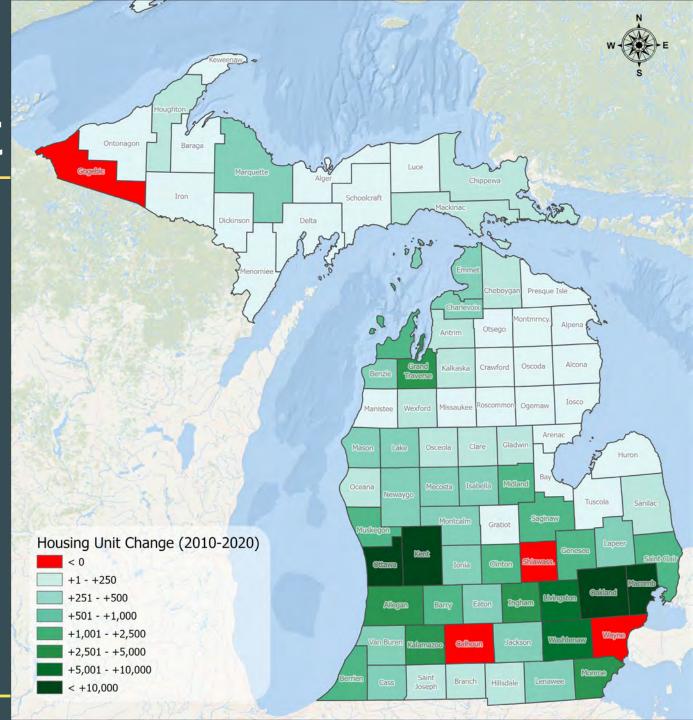
### Housing Size

- Avg HH size is decreasing, now ~ 2.5 PPH, more living alone
- US Census Bureau: Characteristics of New Housing
   heating
   source, central air, size, stories, materials, etc.
- Nationwide Avg square feet:
  - 1973= 1660 sq ft --- 104 million Btu
  - 2015= 2,687 sq ft--- 119 million Btu
    - Source: EIA 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, NE
  - 2020= 2,333 millennials going smaller, but could be affordability & age

# Housing Development

~113K new housing units 2010-2020

> Half in Oakland, Kent, Macomb & Ottawa Co.s





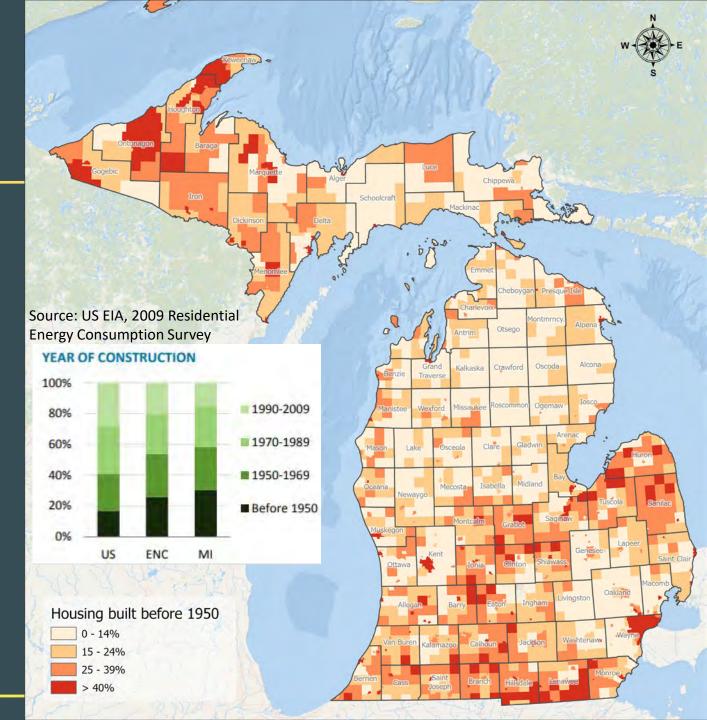
## Older Housing

Median Year Built= 1971 22% pre 1950

35% age 65+ live in unit pre-1960

Built x Value



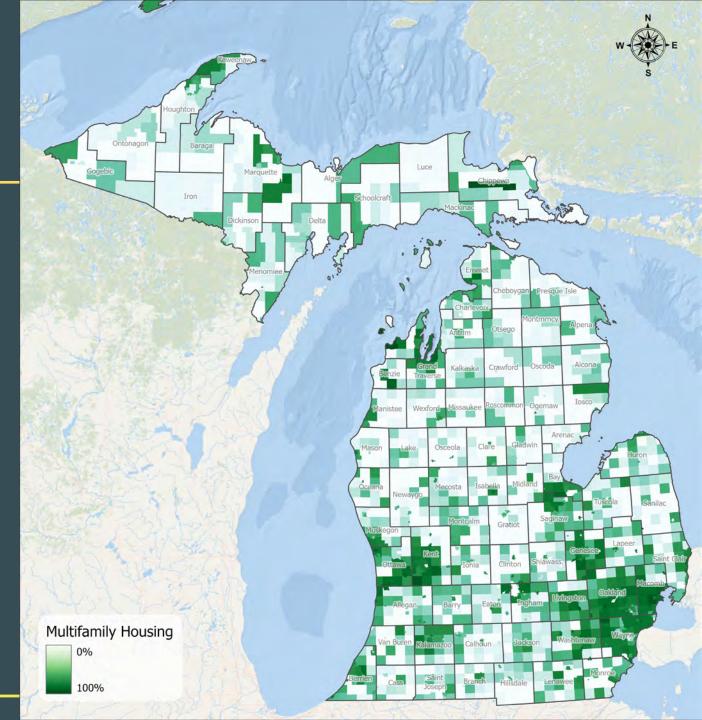


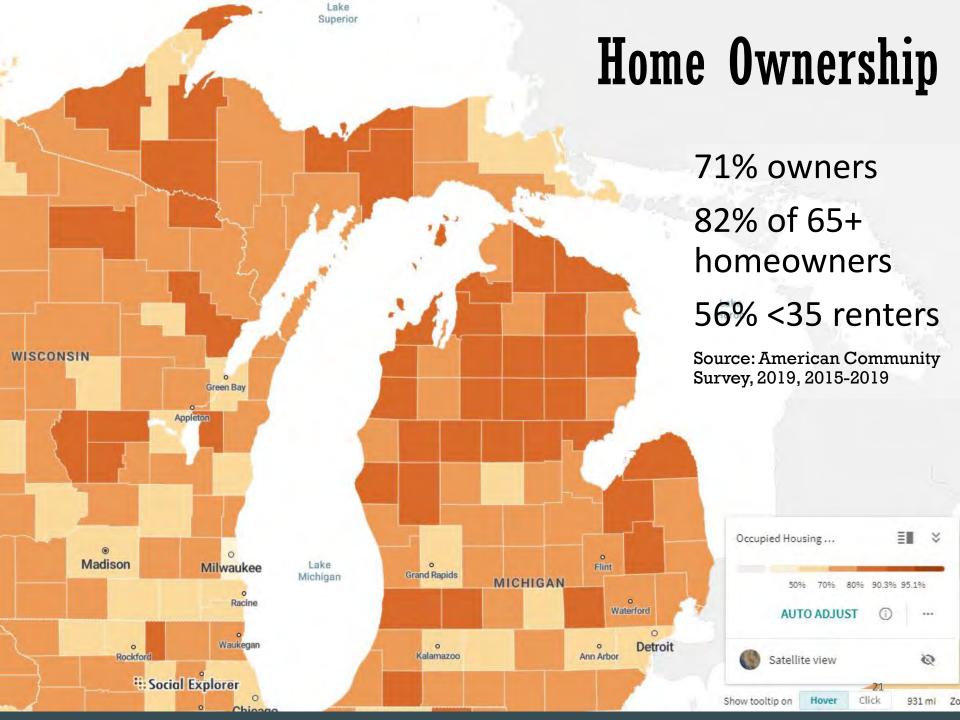
## Multifamily Housing

72% SF detached homes

247,267(5%) mobile homes





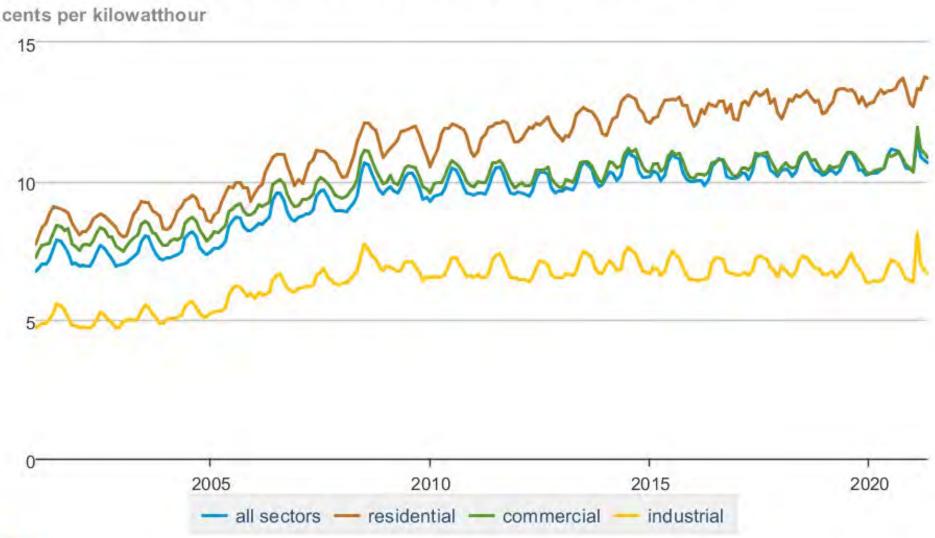


### **Energy Consumption: Key Points**

- Residential consumption high in MI- 38% > US avg (2009- EIA Survey)
  - 55% HH energy use is space heating
- Utility costs: Energy Cost Burden
  - Layering data: Age; Race; Income; Unemployment; Rates; Housing Size/Value/Affordability/Age; Transport
- Heating fuel source impacts transition opportunities
- Transportation- high energy demand, HH differences



#### Average retail price of electricity, United States, monthly



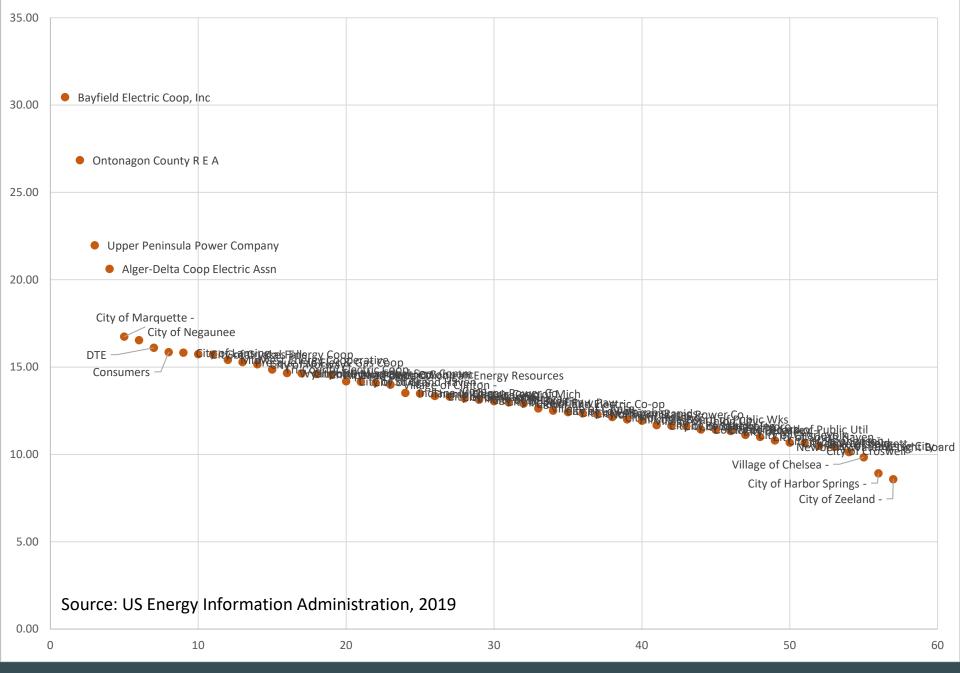


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

MI: Avg Monthly Electric bill= \$100.23

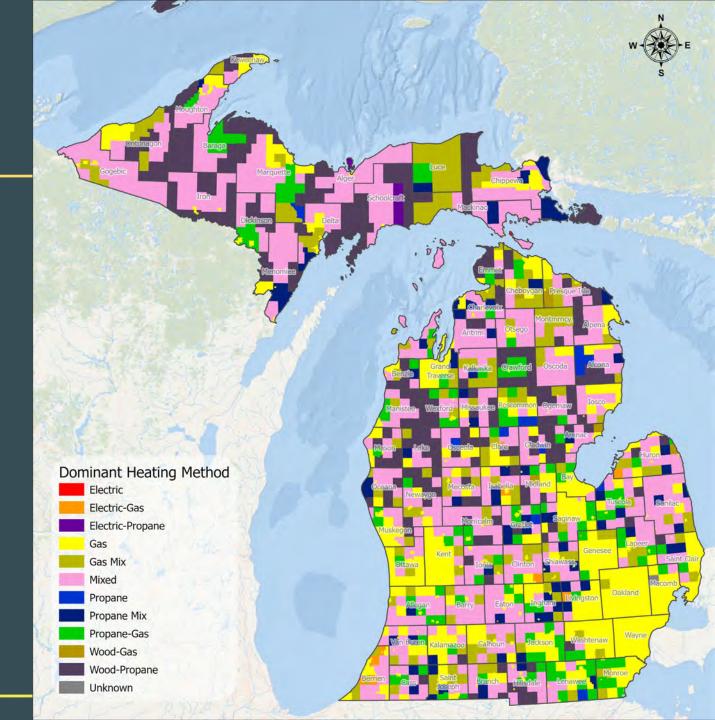
Source: US Energy Information Administration, 2019

#### Avg Price Electricity: cents/kwh by Utility



## Heating Source

76% nat gas10% electric8% propane3% wood





## Transport

#### No Vehicles:

- 8% overall
- 10% 65+
- 19% of renters

59% two or more

#### **Transport to Work**

82% car commute alone

9% carpool

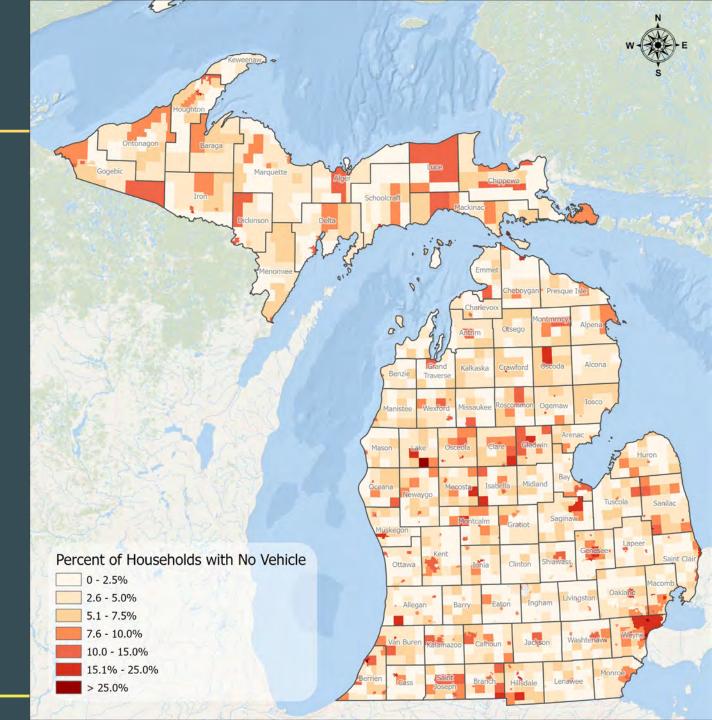
1.4% public

2.2% walk

1.3% other



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#### Summary Points

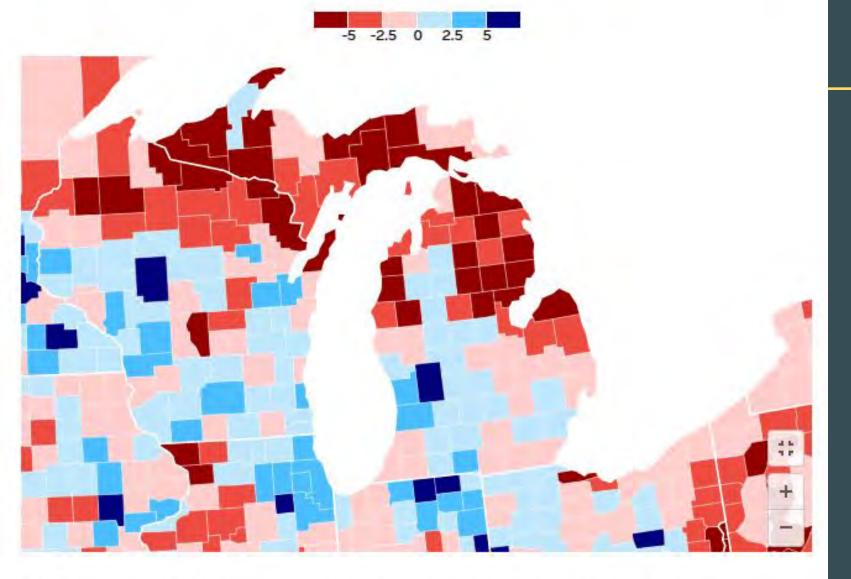
- 1. Slow population growth. Older housing.
- 2. Inequality & Spatial differences:
  - Urban centers vs Suburbs vs Rural
  - Heating Diverse sources
  - Energy poverty is for real. Need to layer variables.
- 3. Different needs and plans for different people/places

#### References & Data Sources

- American Community Survey, 2015-2019
- Census 2010, 2020
  - Social Explorer
- US Energy Information Administration
- United for ALICE, 2019 State Overview
- Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics
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#### Natural increase per 1,000 residents, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020



Note: Natural increase (net births minus deaths) estimates were adjusted by each county's 2019 population.